

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 5 and 6 remain in this application. Claims 2-4 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended.

The indicating that Claims 5 and 6 containing allowable subject matter has been noted. These claims have now been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, it is believed that these claims are in condition for formal allowance.

Originally submitted Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the reference to Younger in view of Challoner. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is agreed that the reference to Younger shows a structure that is basically similar to the present invention. As acknowledged by the Examiner, the reference to Younger is deficient in the fact that it shows a permanent attachment of the skateboard leash to the board as opposed to the present invention having a mounting strap attachment. The Examiner has applied the reference to Challoner as showing such a mounting strap in conjunction with a skateboard. However, the structure of Challoner is directed to a carrier case for skateboards and not for a skateboard leash. It is agreed that the use of a strap to mount on some structure has long been known. However, it is deemed to be inventive to utilize the concept of a strap in

conjunction with a skateboard leash. Therefore, in applicant's opinion, the applying of Challoner in conjunction with Younger is really not a valid combination because the reference of Challoner constitutes a substantially different structure than the subject matter of the skateboard leash of the present application.

Additionally, the skateboard leash of Younger does not really have an outer free end as does applicant's skateboard leash. The outer free end of Younger constitutes a tether that is attached to the waist of the rider. Such a structure proves to be burdensome as the rider must carry the skateboard when the rider is not riding the skateboard. Within the present application, the rider has the advantage of not carrying the skateboard with himself or herself. Also located at the outer free end of the skateboard leash of the present invention is located a bulbous member. It is agreed that the reference to Younger shows a bulbous member that is intended to be grasped by the rider. However, the bulbous member is not located at the outer free end of the leash. Additionally, independent Claim 1 has been amended to state that the bulbous member is spherical. No such spherical bulbous member is shown in Younger. It is believed that the structure as now defined within independent Claim 1 is distinctive from that of Younger or Younger combined with Challoner and that independent Claim 1 is also worthy of allowance.

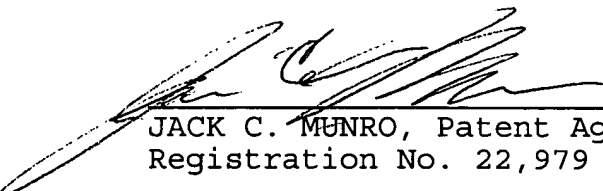
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The citing of the additional prior art within the Form  
PTO 892 has been noted as being of interest.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and  
arguments presented herein, it is believed that the Claim 1 should  
be deemed to be allowable along with the allowance of Claims 5 and  
6 and that the subject application should proceed to formal  
allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any  
additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment  
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Respectfully submitted,



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